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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 426X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) – Abandonment Exemption – in Matagorda and Wharton Counties, Texas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On September 9, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon approximately 20.89 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 66.95 in Bay City and railroad milepost 54.00 near Cane Junction and between railroad milepost 0.00 near Cane Junction and railroad milepost 7.94 near Newgulf, in Matagorda and Wharton Counties, Texas. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 77414, 77420 and 77482.

By STB decision served September 29, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective October 29, 2004. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of September 29, 2005. Pursuant to STB decision served September 29, 2005, the STB extended the consummation date until March 31, 2006. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line between railroad milepost 65.00 in Bay City and railroad milepost 54.00 near Cane Junction and between railroad milepost 0.00 near Cane Junction and railroad milepost 7.94 near Newgulf (a total of 18.94 miles), in Matagorda and Wharton Counties, Texas, as of the date of this letter. The remainder of the line will be retained for railroad purposes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,



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